

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

July 12, 2005

Amendment to Item 51

Presently, County ordinances do not regulate medical marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Because of this, the County has no means of controlling the locations or under what conditions medical marijuana dispensaries can operate.

My May 31, 2005 motion has initiated the development of regulations for these dispensaries. Today, the Board is considering an extension of the interim ordinance which placed a temporary prohibition for new medical marijuana dispensaries within unincorporated territory.

We have a fundamental obligation to protect the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

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Because it will take some time to finish developing zoning regulations, I think it would be appropriate to include medical marijuana dispensaries as a business that would require a business license. This will allow the County to know the locations of these businesses and to regulate them appropriately.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Item 51;
2. Instruct County Counsel to work with other appropriate County departments to prepare an ordinance to amend Title 7 of the Los Angeles County code to add medical marijuana dispensaries to the list of business activities that require the issuance of a valid County business license to operate.

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